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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: WASHING MACHINE WITH ION ELUTING  
AND IMBALANCE CORRECTING UNITS

Examiner: D. G. Cormier

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims**

**Remarks/Arguments**